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SUBJECT: COLUMNIST CALLS REACTION TO BERGER REPORT EXAMPLE
OF BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL OF SOCIETY

1. THE TORONTO STAR'S RADIO/TELEVISION/POLITICAL AFFAIRS
COLUMNIST DENNIS BRAITHWAITE IN A COLUMN AUGUST 9.
"WE ARE ALL BECOMING WARDS OF THE STATE" APPLIES THE
THESIS OF AN ARTICLE BY LEWIS LAPHAM IN THE CURRENT HARPER'S,
THAT BUREAUCRATS HOLD SWAY IN A STAGNANT SOCIETY, TO THE
CANADIAN SCENE. BRAITHWAITE GIVES THE BASIC THEME IN
THE QUOTE "OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE CANNOT BE TRUSTED. THEY
MUST BE MANAGED."

2. BRAITHWAITE CONCLUDES THAT JOURNALISTS SHOULD BE
INCLUDED IN THE BUREAUCRAT/TECHNOCRAT/MANDARIN CLASS
IN CANADA IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO BRAITHWAITE, THE BUREAUCRAT'S
"WORK IS MADE THE EASIER BY THE EXISTENCE OF AN
AMIALE AND SHALLOW POPULATION THAT IS UNTEMPERED BY HARD
TIMES AND INCREASINGLY ADDICTED TO FANTASY."

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2. ON THE BERGER REPORT, TO BRAITHWAITE A PRIME
EXAMPLE OF BUREAUCRATIC CONTROL, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
ARE MADE: "OUR MEDIA HAVE CLEARLY LINED UP ON THE SIDE
OF THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS, THE HAND-WRINGERS, THE SMALL-IS-
BEAUTIFUL CROWD, AND AGAINST THE ENTREPRENEURS, THE
ECONOMIC EXPANSIONISTS, THE DOERS, THE CREATORS OF WEALTH.

"MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE RECENT BERGER REPORT IS A CASE IN POINT. THIS DOCUMENT, MORE AN IDEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT THAN A BALANCED STUDY, WAS GREETED BY THE PRESS, AND EVEN MORE PARTICULARLY BY THE CBC, AS A REVELATION SECOND ONLY TO THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. JUSTICE BERBER'S DEMAND THAT AN ARCTIC PIPELINE BE SHELVED FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS WAS ACCEPTED AS RECEIVED TRUTH, THE MAN HIMSELF PRAISED BEYOND THE DECENT LIMITS OF FLATTERY FOR HIS WISDOM AND COURAGE.

"BUT EVEN THIS RISING CHORUS OF APPROBATION DIDN'T SATISFY THE MEDIA TRADE MAGAZINE CONTENTAN WHICH IN ITS LATEST ISSUE PRINTS AN EXHAUSTIVE AND GENERALLY TEDIOUS ANALYSIS OF PRESS COVERAGE OF THE BERGER REPORT, CONCLUDING THAT ALL BUT ONE OR TWO PAPERS FAILED TO GIVE IT SUFFICIENT SPACE AND DUE WEIGHT.

"THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PIPELINE STORY, AND THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE, HAS SIMPLY BEEN PASSED OVER BY THE MEDIA. THE MORALISMS OF THE BUREAUCRATS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE REPLACED ECONOMIC REALITY. UNQUOTE.
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